

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Friday, March, 3, 1727.

From the St. James's Evening Post. Feb. 23.

Bologna, Feb. 6.

AS the Pretender has his High Treasurer, High Admiral, Chancellor, in short all High Officers, and Secretaries of State, so he likewise must have his Fears and Invasions, has Plots and Conspiracies against him, and his Spies to detect them. A few Days ago the Captain of the sbirri, (Sheriff) or Thief Catchers, went with 20 of his Men, by Order of their Cardinal Legate, and at the Desire of the Pretender, to the Suburb of St. Peter, where he broke open a House, and with his twenty well armed Men, seized a Gentleman suspected to be a Plotter. They took all his Papers, which are under the Examination of the Criminal Auditor of the Pope, assisted by Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Solicitor General of the Pretender, who continues to dance English Country Dances at all the Balls.

Madrid, Feb. 7. A Courier is arrived from the Camp of St. Roche, with the Result of the Council of War held there, and the various Opinions therein relating to the Siege of Gibraltar. The Generals Spinola, Verboom, Montemar and many others, were of Opinion, that the said Siege could not be undertaken with any Hopes of Success; The Generals de las Torres, de Glimes and Ribaldeos, thought the Enterprize very difficult but not impossible. Whereupon the King having assembled his Council, we are assured it was therein resolved to open the Trenches before that Place forthwith, and that the necessary Orders for that Purpose have been sent to the Camp.

Hague, Feb. 28. We have yet no certain Advice of the Accession of the Crown of Sweden to the Treaty of Hanover, the States of that Kingdom wasting their Time in fruitless Debates, instead of bending their Minds to the Dispatch of Business. The Chevalier de la Serre, a Native of Liege, and Nephew (as we are informed) to the famous Marquis de Soisson, who is now in Spain, having had the Misfortune to kill a Polish Officer in a Duel, he fled hither to avoid a Prosecution; and having spent near a Year at the Hague, he happened to

have high Words with Count Coningsbeck the Emperor's Minister, whom he likewise challenged to fight, whereupon the Count made his Complaint to the State; the Consequence was this; the Messengers belonging to the Deputy Counsellors of Holland went and seized him at his Inn (the Sign of the Parliament) on Wednesday about six in the Evening, and shew'd him an Order to quit this Place and the seven Provinces, without tarrying one Moment. However, at his earnest Desire, ten Hours were granted him to settle his Affairs. He was observed to be very frequently at the Imperial Ambassadors, whence People suspected that he was let into all his Secrets and Intrigues; but he is now clear of that Suspicion.

Paris, Feb. 28. 'Tis here reported that a certain Power has made reiterated Propositions of Accommodation, but the same have not proved effectual. In the mean Time therein is represented the ill Condition the said Power is in to engage in a War; as also the dread of the Consequence of such a War.

Mr. Walpole the British Ambassador, is suddenly expected here, his Domesticicks being gone to Calais to meet him.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Feb. 23.

Petersburg, Feb. 1. Extraordinary Preparations are making for the Fleets; and they are taking out of the largest Ships the lowest Tear of Guns, which were only between 16 & 18 Pounders, and putting 24 Pounders in their Room.

Messina, Jan. 27. The English are settling their Affairs, and taking the properest Measures to secure their Persons and Effects in case of a War.

Hamburg, Feb. 14. They write from Hanover; That besides the 3600 Men that have been raised as Recruits, Orders were given to increase the Levy to 8000 Men.

From the Flying Post, Feb. 23.

Stockholm, Feb. 9. The Russian Ambassador continues to press this Court to declare either for the Treaty of Vienna or that of Hanover. It seems likely that the States of this Kingdom will sit a good

good while longer than had been imagined. The Duke of Holstein is preparing a grand Equipage to take the Field.

From the Daily Journal, Feb. 23.

Madrid, Feb. 8. The King will soon make a Promotion of Generals.

Rome, Feb. 8. The Pope, who has fixed his Departure for Benevento for the 24th of March, desires of the Emperor that no extraordinary Preparations may be made in the Kingdom of Naples for his Reception, for that he would not go as Pontiff, but as a simple Fryar.

Venice, Feb. 16. We are building here 12 Men of War of the 1st and 2d Rates.

Vienna, ---- 'Tis said the Prince of Sultzbach is shortly expected at this Court.

From the Evening Post, Feb. 23.

Madrid, Feb. 9. We have now actually 25,000 Men in the Camp at St. Roche, employed in fortifying Old Oibraltar; but the Trenches are not opened before the Town.

Paris, March 1. Letters from Strasburg say, that in the Night between the 17th and 18th of the last Month, some Shakes of an Earthquake were felt there; but no Damage done.

The Queen goes not to her Chapel as formerly, but hears Mass in her Chamber.

The King has appointed the 25th Instant for reviewing the Troops of his Household, and they are ordered to hold themselves ready to march.

Stockholm, Feb. 5. 'Tis said that Mr. Hopken, Secretary of State, has insinuated to the Holstein Ministers, That they would do well not to make any further Mention of the Succession in regard to the Duke their Master, since it is in vain to hope, that either the Senats or the States of the Kingdom will in any wise depart from their Resolution to maintain a free Election.

London, Feb. 23. By Letters from Vice-Admiral Hoffer, dated from Jamaica the 14th of December last, we have an Account, that by reason of the great Mortality and Sickness on board his Ships, he had been obliged to repair to that Island, where the sick Men had been put ashore: But by the Vigilance and Care of the Vice-admiral, seconded by the hearty and zealous Assistance of the President and Council, the Squadron was so far recruited, that he would be able to put to Sea with the most part of it in 6 or 7 Days.

Vienna, Feb. 15. Great Councils are held here every Day. The Son of Count Zinzendorf, who is a great Minister, Chancellor of the Court, and very rich, &c. is gone hence for Madrid. We see here handed about in Writing, the Articles whereon the D. de Riparda has been examined.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Feb. 25.

Yesterday arrived the Mails from Holland and Flanders.

BY Advices from Madrid we find the K. of Spain persists in his Resolution of undertaking the Siege of Gibraltar at all Hazards; accordingly all Preparations possible, continue to be carried on at Cadix, where, on the 25th past they were loading 50 Vessels with Iron Cannon and other Ammunition of War: But should they after all dare to open the Trenches, their Hostilities will be returned in such a Manner as will shew how vain and ridiculous it was for them to proceed upon such an Enterprize; and consequently oblige the King of Spain and his new Allies to truckle to Peace, tho' at present they seem to be strengthening themselves for War.

Letters from Petersburg of the 8th Instant say, That the King of Spain has notified to that Court by his Secretary there, his Resolution of sending thither the Duke de Liria, in Quality of Ambassador for establishing the good Harmony between the two Courts; and that his Catholick Majesty was disposed to grant the Russian Merchants trading to Spain, the same Privileges and Advantages which the English, French and Dutch have hitherto enjoyed.

They add that the Russian Fleet will act upon the offensive next Spring, and in the mean Time they were fortifying the Island of Nargen.

There is yet no Account of the Swedes Accession to the Hanover Treaty. The Czarina has declared to them by her Minister, that if they do not accept of her Proposals she will do herself Justice.

'Tis pretended among the rest, that she can land Forces in Sweden, by means of her Gallies, even after the British Fleet shall be there.

'Tis believed that if Affairs require, his Majesty will go this Year to his Dominions in Germany, and command the Army in Person, for whom we are told a fine Tent is making at Hanover.

It is reported that Sir Charles Wager, who is

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arrived with his Squadron and Land Forces at Gibraltar, has Orders to continue there, and Admiral Hopson with 5 Men of War to sail thence and join Admiral Holier in the West Indies, for whose Squadron the Commissioners for victualling, have contracted Yesterday with Captain Trail, an eminent Commander in the Jamaica Trade, to take in Freight to supply with Provisions and other Necessaries.

We hear from the Fleet Galley who left Jamaica the 20th of December last, that Admiral Hosi-er on his Arrival at that Island, had put 600 of his Men sick on Shore at Port Royal: That they had Advice from Porto Bello, that the Spaniards believing they should see the Admiral no more, were going to fit out their Galleons on their Return home, but 5 of the Ships of the said Admiral were so well mann'd, That he will put to Sea by the 24th or 25th of said Month, and that the rest would sail as soon as recruited.

Last Night the Committee for Elections sat upon that for Petersfield in Hampshire, between Mr. Sergeant Miller Petitioner, and Joseph Taylor Esq; sitting Member; and after some Debate in Relation to the Conduct therein, of spleeting and admitting of Votes, which increased the Number almost double, the Question was put and carried by about 30 Votes, That the Right of Elections was only in the Free holders, and such Tenements as are builded on ancient Foundation in the Burgh; and that Mr. Gibbon the Lord of the Mannor, has no Right by his Quit-Rents, to multiply Votes. And the Committee are to proceed on Monday, to qualify or disqualify accordingly.

This Day the Commons did nothing extraordinary, and the Lords only heard a Cause.

We hear from Ireland, that Dr. Nicolson Bishop of Londonderry, fell down dead on the 14th Inst. in his Closet suddenly. He was advanced not above 4 or 5 Days before his Death to the Archbishoprick of Cashel.

From the Weekly Journal, Feb. 25.

By Letters from Madrid, they talk of putting several Men of War upon the Stocks at a Port in Catalonia call'd Eiol; there having been vast Quantities of Oaks cut down in the Mountains of Catalonia for that Purpose. There are others also to be built at Cadix.

From Paris we learn, that Couriers pass almost every Day from Court to the Duke de Richlieu at

Vienna, and back again; and the Party there that is against a War; gives out, that Things may now be accommodated with Honour and Safety with respect to France: However Count Kinski, whose Presence is much desired by some Persons, is not yet arrived, being detained a while at Manheim.

Our Letters from the North take notice of the March of a great Body of Russian Troops from the Neighbourhood of Riga, and that they were advanced pretty near the Frontiers of Poland, where no Measures were taken to oppose them; Permission being ask'd and granted for their passing that Way. They are also, 'tis said, to pass cross the Skirts of Prussia; and 'tis thought the World will soon hear of an Attempt which will give great Surprise.

Letters from Holland inform us, That their Advices from Turin are silent as to the Intentions of that Court in case of a War; but tell us, that they don't doubt but that Prince will embrace the Party of Hanover, because he declines to declare himself of either Side. These are the Sentiments of those who wish well to that Side: While the Imperial Faction smile, and answer, That the two Fortresses lately evacuated by the Emperor to the King of Sardinia, were not given him to engage him to be his Enemy.

From the Daily Journal, Feb. 25.

Petersburg, Feb. 8. A strong Body of Troops is marching towards Finland, some say, about 24000 Men, which, in case the Swedes accede to the Hanover Treaty, will attempt an Invasion into Sweden by the Help of our Galleys.

London, Feb. 24. As yet no private Letters are come up from Bristol, relating to Admiral Hosi-er's Arrival at Jamaica.

From the Evening Post, Feb. 25.

Madrid, Feb. 10. Money has been sent to the Army before Gibraltar. The Duke of Ormond hath received 11,000 Pistoles. Preparations for the Siege of Gibraltar are continued, and we daily expect to hear of the Opening of the Trenches.

S. S. Stock, 98, &c.

Edinburgh, March 3. Wednesday last being the Anniversary of the Birth of her R. Highness the Princess of Wales, it was observed here as is usual.



ADVERTISEMENT.

[*] There was a large Spanish SET-DOG, of a whitish Colour, with brown Head and Ears, which strayed from Erskin in December last. If any Body can give Notice of him, either to William Nicols, Merchant below the Head of Niddery's Wynd, or to John Glen Farrier at the Ferry-boat of Erskin, so that he be returned to the right Owner, they shall have a Guinea Reward.

T That RAFFLE appointed to be at Leith, in the House of Thomas Moncrief Vintner, (of the Water Engine) is put off to the Fifteenth of March. Whoever has Papers Subscriptions, may return them betwixt and the said 15th Instant.

[S] That a good many Instruments and Machines for performing a Course of Experimental Philosophy in St. Salvator's College of the University of St. Andrew's, being purchased and safely brought to St. Andrew's; *T* is resolved, that the Course for this Year shall begin on Friday the Tenth of March Instant: Therefore, those who have contributed Money for that End, by Subscription or otherwise, may, by themselves or any whom they shall please to name, be present at the said Course. And seeing the Collection is not yet complete, the Provost and Masters, with Consent of him who is to perform the Course, have thought it reasonable to prolong the Time, during which Subscribers may attend any Course, for two Years more than is offered in the Proposals, i.e. for Five Years in all, this being one of them: And they resolve in the mean time to use their Endeavours to have a full Collection. N. B. Several Subscribers having not yet paid in the Sums for which they subscribed, they are intreated to do it as soon as possible.

T There is to the Number of Six hundred Trees, all fine old fresh Planting, consisting of Ash, Plain and Elm, growing upon the North-side of the House of Sauchie, 2 Miles South of the Town of Stirling; to be exposed to sale by Way of Roup, in the Dwelling-house of Mrs. Ross Innkeeper at Sauchie-Lonn Foot, upon Wednesday the 29th of March Instant, 'twixt the Hours of 10 & 12 in the Forenoon. Any that inclines to buy, may call at Mrs. Ross's, where they may see the Timber, and the Conditions of the Roup. N. B. A great many of the said Plain-trees being clean and straight, are very fit for Purps to Ships.

T That the FEU, consisting of four Acres of Ground or thereby, and all inclosed, with the Brewery and other Office-houses built thereon, belonging to George Fraser Brewer in Newtonhall, lying near the Gibbet, with the Brewing Looms: Are by Order of the Managers for his

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N. B. The Author of this Paper is necessitate (by reason of the great weekly Advance for Stamp'd Paper, Printing, and other necessary Charges, and because of the slow Payments) to intimate, That unless they who are furnished with this Paper do pay up what is owing, and for the future punctually send in the Quarter Payments at commencing of each Quarter, they are not to expect to be served after the 15th of March next.

Creditors, to be exposed to Sale in the Royal Coffee house on Thursday the ninth Day of March, between the Hours of two and four Afternoon. The Progress and Conditions of Roup are to be seen in the Hands of Robert Scott, Extra-act in Sir John Dalrymple Clerk his Chamber.

T On the twentieth of April next, betwixt the Hours of ten and twelve in the Forenoon, in the House of William Binny present Provost of Forfar; Are to be exposed to a voluntary Roup the Lands of QUARREHILL and NEW-MILL, lying upon the Side of the Water of Southesk, in the Forest of Platen, in the Parishes of Tanadice and Outhlaw, and in the Sheriffdom of Forfar. The Lands of Quarrellhill hold Blanche of the Crown, and are a Forty-shilling land, having a Vote in the Election of Commissioners to the Parliament. And the Newmill holds Feu of the Earl of Strathmore, for Payment of L. 14, 13 sh. 4 d. Scots yearly. The yearly Rent of the said Lands is one Chaldier of Bear, 42 Bolls of Meal, whereof 4 Bolls of twice-shaed Meal paid by the Tenant at the Mill; L. 220 of Money, 76 Poultry, 24 Capons, and two good yearling Mill Swine. Out of which is to be paid L. 41, 9 sh. 6 d. Scots to the New College of St. Andrew's as Teind-duty: And the L. 14, 13 sh. 4 d. of Feu-duty before mentioned.

Just published, and sold by Mr. James Davidson and other Booksellers in Town,

SPIRITUAL LIFE. Poems on several Divine Subjects, relating both to the Inward Experience, and Outward Practice of Christianity. Price 2 sh. 6 d.

[*] That Mr. JAMES CRAIG, Professor of Civil and Canon Law in the University of Edinburgh, renews his College on the Institutes, and continues that on the Pandects of the Roman Law, on Tuesday the 14th of March Instant, at the Place and Hours as formerly.

[*] That the new built House to the North of the West-Kirk, be-west the Causey leading to the Water of Leith (with the Dragon-Thane on the Top) all well furnished with Boxing and otherwise, with a Park and Garden thereto belonging; Will be Sold or Set to any who has a Mind to purchase, or take the same in Tack for such Number of Years as shall be agreed to betwixt the Proprietor and Tacksmen. The House consists of Twelve Fire Rooms, besides Closets and many other Conveniences. Any who are inclin'd to purchase or take the said House, Park and Garden, are desired to call at John Anderson Copper-smith his House in the Westbow, who will satisfy any Purchaser as to the Rights, or agree with any Tacksmen as to the Rent and Term of Years of the Tack.

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